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1. In mid-September 1953 Communist China planned to allot 30,000 tons of rice from the Hunan and Kwangsi harvest of late October for shipment to Ceylon in exchange for raw rubber. Communist China planned to ship the first consignment of 6,500 tons of rice to Colombo on 25 November on the two Indian steamers SS BOMBAY and SS WEST BENGAL; rice shipments were to continue until late December 1953.<sup>1</sup>

2. Communist China was also seeking in mid-September to charter a vessel to ship 10,000 tons of rice from Shanghai to Colombo at a freight rate of HK\$50 for one ton.

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- under the Five-Year Trade Agreement on rubber and rice between China and Ceylon, planned shipments of rice from Communist China indicated that the entire 270,000 metric tons contracted for in 1953 was scheduled to arrive in Ceylon by mid-January 1954.  25X1

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145,061.871 metric tons or 53.7% of the agreed amount had been delivered, leaving approximately 125,000 metric tons still to be delivered in the remaining four months of the year, or an average of about 31,000 metric tons a month.

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